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SUBJECT:HOUSE ACTION ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY

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1. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DECEMBER 11 ADOPTED BY VOTE
OF 297-98 FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO 1975 FOREIGN
ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZATION BILL INTRODUCED BY CONGRESSMAN
ROSENTHAL:

2. QUOTE SEC. 21. SECTION 620 OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE
ACT OF 1961 IS AMENDED BY ADDING AT THE END THEREOF THE
FOLLOWING NEW SUBSECTION: (X) ALL MILITARY ASSISTANCE,
ALL SALES OF DEFENSE ARTICLES AND SERVICES (WHETHER FOR
CASH OR BY CREDIT, GUARANTY, OR ANY OTHER MEANS), AND ALL
LICENSES WITH RESPECT TO THE TRANSPORTATION OF ARMS, AM-
MUNITIONS, AND IMPLEMENTS OF WAR (INCLUDING TECHNICAL DATA
RELATING THERETO) TO THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY SHALL BE
SUSPENDED ON THE DATE OF ENACTMENT OF THIS SUBSECTION
UNLESS AND UNTIL THE PRESIDENT DETERMINES AND CERTIFIES
TO THE CONGRESS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY IS IN COM-
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PLIANCE WITH THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961, THE

FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ACT, AND ANY AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO UNDER SUCH ACTS, AND THAT SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS TOWARD AGREEMENT HAS BEEN MADE REGARDING MILITARY FORCES IN CYPRUS.
END QUOTE.

3. ADOPTION OF ROSENTHAL AMENDMENT WAS NOT RPT NOT INFLUENCED BY NARCOTICS ISSUE. SUBSEQUENTLY CHARLES RANGEL INTRODUCED AN AMENDMENT SUSPENDING ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY UNTIL THE PRESIDENT CERTIFIED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY WAS IMPLEMENTING EFFECTIVE CONTROLS TO PREVENT TURKISH OPIUM FROM ILLEGALLY REACHING THE UNITED STATES. THE AMENDMENT WAS REJECTED BY VOICE VOTE.

4. SENATE-HOUSE CONFEREES WERE SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS TURKISH AID QUESTION DECEMBER 12-13. INGERSOLL

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